UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Supplementary examination

2006

Title of paper

English Language Studies III.3

Course number

IDE-E3P3

Time allowed

3 hours

Instruction:

Do not write any answer on the examination papers.

Write all your answers in the booklets provided.

Answer any four questions.

Ensure that you give adequate examples where necessary.

This paper is not to be opened until permission has been given by the invigilator.

- 1. Write short notes on the following:
 - a. Grice's cooperative principle (5)
 - b. bilingualism (5)
 - c. pidgin (5)
 - d. register (5)
- 2. Define taboo, euphemism and politically correct language. Provide examples and discuss the relevance of these terms in your own society. (20)
- 3. Address terms are important in Swazi social life. In your discussion also refer to other cultures with different address systems. Include forms of address used when talking to strangers, family members and other specific individuals. (20)
- 4. a. What is turn-taking? Explain how it influences conversational flow. (10)
- b. Here are some conversational openers. When might each be suitable?
 - 1. What time is it, please?
 - 2. The bus is sure late!
 - 3. Can I help you?
 - 4. Did you see that?
 - 5. You seem lonely.

(10)

- 5. Define linguistic determinism and linguistic relativism. In your discussion, ensure that you include the Sapir-Whorf hypothesis on the relation between language and culture. (20)
- 6. Discuss patterns of gender differences in languages other than English. How do these differences compare to gender differences in English? (20)

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